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WARREN PLANNING BOARD
INFORMATIONAL MEETING ON
PROPOSED ZONING AMENDMENTS

The Warren Planning Board will hold an informational meeting on proposed Zoning and Zoning Map amendments on Wednesday, April 13, 2016 at 6:30 PM in the Selectmen's Meeting Room at the Shepard Municipal Building, 48 High Street, Warren. The purpose of the meeting is to hear comments and suggestions from residents before finalizing the proposals.

The first article would adopt a new Zoning Map for Warren. At the Special Town Meeting in November, the Town voted to eliminate the Wireless Communications Facilities Overlay District in order to allow communications towers in all districts by special permit of the Planning Board. The Attorney General approved the amendment, but ruled that Town Meeting must adopt a zoning map without the former overlay district. The Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission prepared the new Zoning Map without the overlay district. The Map shows the locations of existing conventional and overlay districts and contains no other zoning district changes.

The second article would amend the Mill Conversion Overlay District (MCOD) by adding one new lot to the district, Parcel 62 on Assessor's Map 21, which contains approximately 10.8 acres. This lot is under the same ownership as the former Wright Mill in West Warren and will allow the redevelopment incentives of the MCOD to apply to the parcel. The site address is 70 Pulaski Street and contains two one-story industrial buildings with associated parking.

The third article would adopt a sign bylaw. Warren does not currently have any regulations on signs. The bylaw could be adopted as a general bylaw or as a zoning bylaw. In general, the bylaw provides grandfathering provisions for existing signs; requires abandoned signs to be removed; prohibits certain signs such as billboards and roof signs; sets standards for temporary signs; and specifies area and height limits for signs for commercial uses.

Interested parties can obtain a copy of the proposed amendments in the Town Clerk's office or by contacting the Planning Office at 413-436-5701, ext. 260. The text and map are also available on the Town's web site at www.warren-ma.gov.

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